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(Continued from yesterday.)

Raymond, after a pause, slowly resumed: "Now, I want to make a compact with you. If you'll go down and see her, I'll write a letter interceding for you and asking her to let you return."

The lad's face was suddenly illuminated. He threw out his small palm. "I'll do it!" he cried out, and his tone carried conviction.

Raymond continued: "You like me, and I like you. You can't live in the Springs, and your sister can't live here. So it seems that I must be your big brother and look after you. And, back ye, you must mind what I say, or I'll take a birch to you."

This threat seemed not to appall the boy. "Can I work in the mine?"

"No; you can't work in the mine, but I'll find something on top for you to do. You must take care of those lungs of yours for awhile. But come, let's see if we can't catch the stage."

"Oh, let me stay till tomorrow!" pleaded the boy. "I don't want to go today. It's too beautiful to miss."

Raymond reflected a moment. "Very well, but you'll want that stage ride. It's one of the finest roads in the mountains. You rattle down the canyon tomorrow, sure thing. Remember that!"

Together they went down toward the mine, where a group of men were building a log cabin. "Here is where we are to live, provided your sister consents."

Barnett came riding up the hill about sundown and immediately at sight of Louis began a jocular trade. "You scamp! You young rascal! A nice little ride you've given us. Ann hadn't slept a wink for a week till she got your message yesterday. How long have you been here?"

Raymond hastened to say, "I induced him to wire as soon as he turned up."

"Had you been here all the time, you young rascal?"

Louis was not afraid of Barnett. "Yes; I was down there looking for Rob." He pointed toward the town of Boone.

"Well, I'm to bring you home—instantly!"

Louis took shelter behind Raymond. "No, you don't. Tell him, Rob."

Raymond winked at Barnett. "He's going tomorrow on a promise to me, Don. I've made a bargain with him. He can tell you about it on the way. Moreover, he is going by stage. He's on honor."

When they were alone Barnett said: "The most unaccountable of all things is the human heart. That boy is crazy about you. By the way, how's the lung?"

"Almost as good as ever."

"Your constitution is a wonder. And the mining deal?"

"Very promising."

In the talk that followed Raymond learned for the first time of the proposed consolidation of the Red Star with two or three other heavy properties, and they fell into a discussion of the camp.

"If I had my way," said Barnett, "I'd have this meddling idiot Larned thrown out of the camp! What business has he here? He's a rank outsider anyway, and this union is a brotherhood of war."

Raymond raised a warning hand. "Careful, Don. It doesn't do for you to say such things up here. This union has come to stay, and you who employ labor will do well to treat it with a certain measure of respect."

"But you're an employer too," Raymond laughed. "Oh, my little crew don't count. They're all prospectors or cowboys, and besides, I work right with them and am classed as a working miner. Your case is different."

Barnett went away calmly superior, but came back from a conference with Mackay, the superintendent of the Red Star, less haughty of manner, but distinctly more arid of tone. "Mackay says this confounded union is growing rapidly and that practically every incoming miner joins at once. I told him to nip the thing in the bud, and he has begun to formulate a plan to do so."

"Wait till I pay for my mine," "That night as Louis sat before the fire in the center of the unfinished cabin his face shone with joy and the heart of the tall miner grew very tender toward him. It was good to have this gay young brother of his love to keep him company. A new sensation arose from having some one to plan for and to protect."

The dreaming lad, outstretched on a pile of blankets with his hands under his head and his small feet, clothed in moccasins, extended to the blaze, suddenly turned and said: "Rob, this is the kind of life for me. Wouldn't father have liked this? I'd be perfectly happy if I didn't have to pack off down the hill tomorrow. Why couldn't Ann come up here?"

"Maybe, by and by, when we get our cabin fixed up, we will ask your sister and Mrs. Barnett to come up and visit us," said Raymond.

Louis started up. "Oh, will you? If Ann were here I would never want to go back east again—never! I could live here always."

A foot outside disturbed Raymond, and a man's voice called, "Is Rob Raymond here?"

In the unfinished doorway stood a graceful young fellow in a white smock and a neatly fitting dark suit.

"Jack Munro!" exclaimed Raymond, and they shook hands. "Sit down. This is a boy friend of mine from the Springs," he said, indicating Louis.

"What can I do for you?" "Nothing, old man. Just lined you out today. I heard that a man named Raymond had taken a lease with Kelly, but I didn't know it was you till I saw you with Barnett today. Well, this is wonderful! Where you from? What have you been doing since we graduated?" There was something in his voice that eluded Louis. Raymond gave Munro a warning glance.

"Oh, a little of everything—cattle ranching, hunting, mining. I saw you last night in Hanley's saloon."

"Why didn't you speak up?" Raymond hesitated. "I didn't know whether you?"

"Oh, rats! I'm not one to dodge. What did getting fired amount to anyway? I was ready to leave."

Raymond repeated his warning sign. "Have you been back—home?"

Munro smiled broadly. "You bet! I went back and swelled around in high feathers—told my side of the story—understand? I didn't let the institution get the drop on me. But, see here, come up to the saloon; I want to talk things over with you. The boys are bound to make me take a hand in this union."

"Can't do it now, Jack. But come down again. Louis is going back tomorrow, and I'll be alone for a day or two, and then we can talk freely."

"All right. There are a whole lot of things I want to turn over. By the Lord, this is wonderful—our meeting up here!" He was reluctant to go. "You bring up the old days. Well, so long."

When Raymond returned to his seat his face was grave and his eyes deeply reflective.

Louis was much interested in the stranger. "Who was that, Rob?"

"A chap I used to know."

Next morning after breakfast Raymond hurried Louis off down the canyon to the stage and in his letter to Ann repeated his pledge to look carefully after the boy's health and to keep him out of mischief.

Louis arrived at the Springs fairly hysterical with joy over his wonderful day's ride and set about to describe Skytown.

His absence had been a revelation of his value to Ann. She had not realized up to that moment how deeply his care

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WAS woven into her daily life. It was jealousy of Raymond's power—an acid juice—which had turned her pity for him, while wounded and helpless, into resentment, and now that he was well and triumphantly drawing the boy to his side her heart was bitter with hatred, but she gave her consent to Louis' return because she dared not do otherwise, and in a letter to Raymond she said:

I resign Louis into your hands, because his happiness is more than my own and because he no longer regards my wishes. I have heard much of the gambling and drinking of mining camps. I beg of you to guard him. He is so fine and sweet now, and delirium is so easy.

Upon reading this letter the camp suddenly became a dark and dangerous place to the young miner. He found it harder to make excuses for profanity and foul jests of the miners, and he went less and less among them and spent more of his time with the lad watching him draw or listening to him while he read.

Their cabin became the center of the finer spirits of the camp. Dolan and one or two of his friends often came in of an evening to smoke a pipe and play a friendly game of cards. "A visit to the bungalow always pays," said one young fellow whose weakness was drink. "They send a fellow away feeling respectable."

Mrs. Kelly supervised the house-keeping as well as she could; and the

Wanted it Quick But Painless.

Carlyle, Ill., Feb. 17.—Nathan Ladan, aged 25, son of Hiram Ladan, a well known farmer, living north of Clinton Switch, committed suicide by taking strychnine. He took chloroform to relieve the painful effects of the strychnine. He had been despondent.

Official Declines Salary.

Portage, Wis., Feb. 17.—Mayor Alois Zienert refuses to accept his salary of \$600 a year on the ground that the mayor and aldermen should give their business ability and a little time to the city for nothing. Mr. Zienert has been mayor for two years and previously served as alderman.

A Father at 85.

Agra, Okla., Feb. 17.—By the arrival of a son and heir at the home of Dr. Henry Smith, a farmer living near this city, Smith becomes a father at the age of 85. The child is sound and healthy.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bad habits. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 404, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it.

Invitations and wedding announcements are a specialty of The Sun's job department with prices lower than elsewhere.

Body of King Ready For Interment.

Copenhagen, Feb. 17.—The body of the late King Christian was removed from Copenhagen to Roskilde, Island of Zealand the ancient capital Denmark, where most of the Danish monarchs are buried, previous to interment Sunday.

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Menelik May Abdicate.

Paris, Feb. 17.—News is received here that King Menelik, of Abyssinia is critically ill, and is considering the appointment of a successor to the throne. Menelik intended making a prolonged visit to Europe this year for political and commercial reasons.

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